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SHOULD LATIN AND GREEK BE REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS?

THE removal of Latin from the curriculum required for A. B. by another prominent university has re-opened discussion respecting the relative worth of classical and other studies. The discussion is conducted much in the same manner as of old and disputants on both sides frequently show irritation when the opposing opinion is expressed. They seem to regard the matter as so thoroughly settled that all doubts can be disposed of by a wave of the hand. But the matters involved deserve very different treatment from this. There must be something worth considering on both sides, otherwise intelligent men would not be ranged in opposing camps. The writer will endeavor to present one side of the case.

One point should be noted at the outset. It must be evident to those who have followed the discussion during late years that the contestants are not equally competent to render judgment. Most of those who resist encroachment upon territory, held so long by the older system, and who deny that inductive sciences can be utilized as culture studies are unfamiliar with science and cannot distinguish between pure and applied science. Their reading has been determined by their college training, or their studies have been confined within